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In re application of:

Michael Wittekind, et al.

Examiner: R. Schnizer

Application No.: 09/965,594

Filed: September 27, 2001

For: Modified Forms of Hepatitis C NS3
Protease for Facilitating Inhibitor Screening
and Structural Studies of Protease:inhibitor
Complexes

CELL DEPOSIT DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Christopher A. Klein, declare and state as follows:

1. I am Senior Counsel, Biotechnology Patents, for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, the sole Assignee of the above-identified patent application. The assignment is recorded at Reel 10941, Frame 0454, recorded June 28, 2000.

2. As a duly authorized signatory for the Assignee, I declare that cell pHCVp-NMR1 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on January 7, 1999, assigned ATCC Designation Number 207040, cell pHCVp_NMR3 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on January 7, 1999, assigned ATCC Designation Number 207041, and cell BMS-hCMV1 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on January 7, 1999, assigned ATCC Designation Number 207047, as evidenced by the attached ATCC "Budapest Treaty Deposit" receipts.

3. I hereby assure the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the public that (a) the duration of this deposit will be for thirty years from the date of deposit, or five years

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from the date of the most recent request for the furnishing of a sample of the deposited material, or for the enforceable life of a United States patent issuing on the subject application or an application which claims priority therefrom, whichever is longer; (b) while the subject application or an application which claims priority therefrom is pending in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the deposit will be made available to the Commissioner or one entitled to such cultures under 37 CFR §1.14 and 35 USC §122; (c) after issuance of a patent on the subject application disclosing the deposit, or an application which claims priority therefrom, the deposit will be made irrevocably available to the public; and (d) the deposit will be replaced if found to be nonviable at any time during its deposit. Further, for any cell deposited with the ATCC after the filing date of the instant application, the deposited cell is the same cell as that specifically identified in the instant application as filed.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that I make these statements with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

Date: 30 - September 2003 By: Christopher A. Klein
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AND VIABILITY STATEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 10.2

To: (Name and Address of Depositor or Attorney)

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
Attn: Joseph M. Sorrentino
P.O. Box 4000
Princeton, NJ 08543-4000

Deposited on Behalf of: Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

Identification Reference by Depositor:

ATCC Designation

Plasmid in *Escherichia coli* pHCV_P_NMR1

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Plasmid in *E. coli* pHCV_P_NMR3

207041

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Signature of person having authority to represent ATCC:

Barbara M. Halley
Barbara M. Halley, Administrator, Patent Depository

Date: January 21, 1999

cc: Audrey F. Sher (Ref. Docket DB17*)

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Date: January 31, 1999